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the beginning of the civil war. She began her work as volunteer nurse, but was soon appointed an agent for the Sanitary Commission. Her labors for the soldiers in the field, in hospitals and prisons, at Shiloh, Corinth, Memphis, with Sherman's army, at Andersonville, and other places, made her name famous. Her splendid constitution, courage and zeal, eminently fitted her for the arduous life she had undertaken. She was pensioned by the government in 1886. Although not an Iowa woman, her care of Iowa soldiers has made her name a household word in our State.

JOHN PATTEE was born in Canada 81 years ago; he died at Hot Springs, S. D., Nov. 30, 1901. He removed to Iowa about the year 1850, settling first in Bremer county. He was appointed Auditor of Public Accounts by Gov. J. W. Grimes in 1855, to fill a vacancy, and elected to the same place the following year. His regular term expired Jan. 3, 1859. He entered the military service early in the civil war, and was variously connected with our 14th and 41st Infantry regiments, and finally promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the 7th Iowa Cavalry. Since the war he has resided mostly in the Dakotas. The deceased veteran was related by marriage to Gov. Kirkwood, Ezekiel Clark, and the late Judge William Phillips of Des Moines. He held the office of State Auditor when the title was "auditor of public accounts," and during his service it was changed to its present designation, "auditor of state." His record of public service in Iowa was in all respects creditable.

ROLLIN V. ANKENY was born at Somerset, Pa., May 22, 1830; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1901. He read medicine after his school days, but did not practice it as a profession. He settled on a farm near Freeport, Ill., where he resided several years. He entered the military service in 1861, becoming orderly sergeant, first lieutenant, and captain in the 15th Illinois Infantry. He was present at the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh. In 1864 he organized the 142d Illinois Infantry, serving with it until the end of the war, when he was mustered out with the rank of brigadier-general. He was connected with *The Freeport Journal* for some years, but removed to Des Moines in 1879, where he resided until his death. He had served in various public positions under the general and State governments, becoming especially well known locally from his discharge of the duties of coroner of Polk county for several years.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS was born in Steubenville, O., Sept. 27, 1827; he died in Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 27, 1901. He was born on a farm and received a collegiate education. In 1851 he migrated to Illinois and settled in Peoria, where he engaged in merchandizing, but, having a love for the legal profession, he studied law and was admitted to practice in 1854. Coming to this State, he first settled on a farm in Greene county, near Jefferson, which town he assisted in laying out. He came to Des Moines in 1856, where he remained in the practice of his profession until his death. During this period he had as partners such distinguished men as Hon. Curtis Bates, Col. C. H. Gatch, Maj. David Ryan, Judge James G. Day (former chief justice of Iowa), Col. E. J. Goode and W. B. Crosby. He occupied a prominent position at the bar and was held in high esteem throughout the wide circle of his acquaintance.

A. H. BOTKIN was born in Clark county, O., Oct. 3, 1820; he died at his home in Des Moines, Oct. 21, 1901. Capt. Botkin served in the civil war as lieutenant and afterwards as captain in the 79th Ohio. At the close of the war he came to Des Moines which place, with the exception of one year, has since been his home. He has occupied various positions of honor and trust. He was at one time superintendent of the East Des Moines schools; he served as justice of the peace for Lee township; and once held the position of chief of police. He was prominent in Grand Army circles.

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